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Letter dated 6 June 1995 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to present to you the attached statement, dated today, by the former mayors of Sarajevo (see annex).

May I ask for your kind assistance in circulating the present letter and its annex as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 39, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

Statement dated 6 June 1995 by the former mayors of Sarajevo

Although our experience with the Karadžić Serbs prevents us from being surprised at their most recent terror tactics directed at the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR), we join the entire world in its revulsion and condemnation at their taking as hostages UNPROFOR peace-keepers and unarmed United Nations monitors. We applaud the concern of the international community and its decision to help and rescue the hostages without making concessions to the terrorists.

Being concerned for the welfare of all peace-loving peoples, we believe we have the right to request from the international community that it show the same concern for the more than 500,000 Karadžić Serb-held captives in the besieged population centres of Sarajevo, Tuzla, Goražde, Srebrenica, Bihać and Žepa, Security Council-declared "safe areas", which are today lacking food, water, medicines, electricity and other necessities. While the Karadžić Serbs have threatened to kill one international hostage for every bomb dropped by NATO, they do not have any conditions for killing the Bosnians - many Bosnians are killed every day and many more are wounded.

We request that the international community show the same concern for all captives and victims in accordance with the relevant principles and conventions.

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